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Thursday - 27 August 1970

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1. [] Talked with Dick Capen, Assistant to the Secretary (Legislative Affairs), DOD, who assured me that today's New York Times story quoting the Secretary as describing recent Soviet MIRV tests was completely erroneous.

I told Mr. Capen that in line with our conversation yesterday, I had raised at our Director's meeting this morning the question of whether we could do anything more on the POW issue, and the answer was that we would keep at it but we have tried everything that we could think of without success.

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2. [] Called Walter Pincus, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, and explained, in response to his request in behalf of Senator Fulbright for information on the Agency budget, that the Director had already talked about this with Senator Fulbright and suggested the Senator get his information from Senator Ellender, who had all the facts.

I asked Pincus where we stood on the problem of []

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3. [] Called Senator Barry Goldwater and explained that, at his suggestion, we had gotten in touch with his friend [] regarding a dissident Burmese group in the U.S. seeking contact with U.S. Government representatives. I said we appreciated the Senator's interest, but for policy reasons we were in no position to take any action in the matter. The Senator found this answer satisfactory.

I also told the Senator I have some comments on the recommendations regarding intelligence of the Peace Through Law Committee which I would be glad to bring over and discuss with him at his convenience. He said he was about to leave town for the weekend but I should call him upon his return on Tuesday.

State Dept. review completed

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Monday - 24 August 1970

1. (Unclassified - SMG) Mrs. Scweiker, in the office of Senator Jack Miller (R., Iowa), called and requested a personnel interview for a constituent, [REDACTED]. After checking with the Office of Personnel, I advised Mrs. Scweiker that an appointment has been scheduled with [REDACTED] for 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, 25 August.

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3. (Unclassified - GLC) Miss Karin Hevener, on the staff of Representative Thomas Downing (D., Va.), called and asked if we could provide information on Agency expenditures in response to a constituent request. I advised Miss Hevener that the Agency did not discuss its expenditures publicly, but I offered to send to her for the constituent a copy of the CIA pamphlet. This is being sent.

4. [REDACTED] James W. Knowles, Director of Research, Joint Economic Committee, said they were about to go to press on the publication which contains the article by [REDACTED] (see Journal of 21 August). Knowles asked if there was anything that we or Commerce could do to officially call the Committee's attention to the errors in the [REDACTED] article. I told Knowles that I would talk to our people and be back in touch with him.

5. [REDACTED] David Martin, on the staff of Senator Thomas Dodd (D., Conn.), talked with me about the work of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who is interested in a current issue between Communist China and the Soviet Union over certain ethnic groups. Martin is providing me with some material on this tomorrow.

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6. [REDACTED] In a conversation today Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, expressed serious concern over the Vice President's remarks over the weekend to the effect that if the Senate persisted in pressing various amendments to limit U.S. support to Southeast Asian countries the Executive Branch would have to use means at its disposal to circumvent the congressional limitations. Woodruff is concerned that this might draw attention to certain Agency authorities in the course of the debate on the Defense Appropriation bill.

7. (Unclassified - GLC) Talked with Ann Purcell, on the staff of Senator William Proxmire (D., Wis.), about a constituent inquiry requesting information on the Phoenix program. I explained to Miss Purcell that the Agency had no comment on this, but provided her with several newspaper articles by Colonel R. D. Heintz, Jr., which we consider to be reasonably accurate. I also suggested that the constituent might want to obtain a copy of the testimony of Ambassador Colby in open session of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the pacification programs. I told her that this testimony was supposed to be printed sometime in September.

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9. (Unclassified - GLC) Lucy Falcone, on the staff of the Joint Economic Committee, called and asked if we could provide the Committee with unclassified figures either in dollars or in rubles on the Soviet defense expenditures for the years 1968, 1969, and 1970. We are checking with OER on this.

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